

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Mark Seabrook, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Greg Fifer, Brian Dixon, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

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**Mr. Seabrook** asked if there was anyway the mayor could have someone look at Harold Armstrong's property. The creek that runs behind it has a lot of debris in it and Mr. Armstrong gave the city verbal permission to come onto his property and clean it out.

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the sewer cleaning schedule and whether or not it was on track.

**Mr. Dixon** said that we are on schedule. He reported that in Basin 23 there are several feet of line that they could not televise because of tree roots and broken pipe. He would like to have someone go out and repair the line. He reported that on Basin 2 the camera got struck and they had to replace 60 feet of line. He reported that there are several areas that they have found where the line is misaligned and needs to be reworked in this basin. He stated that they have televised 2,800 feet of line and 600 feet needs to be replaced or repaired.

**Mayor Garner** asked that he give them a report listing all of these issues.

**Mr. Dixon** asked if they wanted them monthly or bi-weekly.

**It was decided that they would like them bi-weekly.**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the current schedule is based on them having two trucks but they may need to pull a truck off for point repairs. He feels that it is more important to stay on schedule with the televising and then go back and make the point repairs.

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the status of the Basin 4 flow metering.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they took two meters out there today and that they have recorded substantial I and I in the spur line.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the meter readings at the spur line of Basin 4.**

**Wes Christmas** explained that they believe that the initial reading of 1,000,000 gallons I and I may be faulty because the meters were being submerged.

**Mr. Dixon** reported that they have recalibrated and readjusted the flow meters to get

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better readings.

**Mr. Solomon** discussed his position on the urgency to repair the Robert E. Lee pump station and he doesn't believe enough money was included in the rate increase to cover the repairs that need to be done.

**Mr. Kochert** stated there is other money that can be used in Riverboat Funds and EDIT for these repairs.

**Mr. Solomon** asked the about the specs for stored materials for the Robert E. Lee Interceptor project. He notices that line is just sitting out and that it could be broken or stolen.

**Mr. Christmas** explained that there is no where to store those materials.

**Mr. Solomon** brought up the issue that once the city pays for the pipe it is our responsibility to replace any that is stolen or damaged while it is not being stored properly. He asked if the contractor would be willing to sign something stating that they will replace any pipe that is stolen or damaged

**Mr. Dale Tekippe** stated that he did not believe the contractor would have a problem with that.

**Mr. Solomon** went over several changes that he would like to see in the monthly reports that the board receives from EMC. He also stated that one of the letters listed shows that Autumn Cove is only using 9300 credits but he thought that they were listed for over the 15,500 credits and that the board had asked that Clark Deitz to prepare their compliance letter. He wondered if they are following the procedure that the board put into place. He also asked about the language that is being used in this letter and stated that he does not believe that it meets State requirements.

**Mr. Fifer** indicated that the project began before the memorandum of understanding.

**Mr. Sartel** explained that this is the language that IDEM required them to use.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the language being used in the letter and whether it meets the requirements of State Law.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked how Autumn Cove was given a compliance letter for only the 9300 credits when he knows that their project is listed for over the 15,500 credits.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding Autumn Cove and whether the line has the capacity to support this project and whether we are going against the memorandum of compliance by allowing them to build without a compliance letter for the full amount of credits.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the ADM claim.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that they have mediation on October 24 at 9:00 a.m. and that he would have something for the board after that meeting.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if we have a tally of all the money owed to us from the drainage and sanitation departments.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that it was in the last report.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he doesn't believe that was in there and that Mr. McCormick told him that the figure was based on the assumption that payments have been made.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the amount that is owed to the sewer utility out of drainage and sanitation.**

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he feels that there needs to be a break down of all the projects

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that are being done and how much has been spent on the project and how much more is needed to be spent. He passed out an example of what is used in Louisville.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he is still troubled by IN-AWC revenue dropping. He asked if they are giving an explanation for the lost revenue.

**Mayor Garner** stated that it was a drop in the water usage.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding asking IN-AWC to come in or send a report stating why we are losing revenue and the number of customers that they have failed to report to the sewer utility.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the 500 accounts that are not being billed.

**Mayor Garner** explained most of those have been accounted for and that the majority were irrigation and sprinkler systems.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if everyone received the Basin 35 letter from Donohue. It is his understanding that the Stone Crest project cannot be built until this line is up-graded.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he has talked with Dave Ruckman regarding an alternative route for the line, but they haven't gone any further than that initial conversation.

**Mr. Solomon** passed out a draft of what he believes the Board should advertise for a Utility Manager. He stated that he has 6 hours of issues could be discussed and he believes that we need to pursue this person to handle these issues on a full time basis.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether the city council would pass this now and why it is necessary to have someone following up on all these issues.**

**Mr. Solomon** made a motion to place this ad and hire a head hunting firm to seek this person.

**Mr. Kochert** stated that he felt that he needed to come before the council and pitch this position.

**Mr. Seabrook** stated that after the rate increase it is still a volatile environment and this is not the time to bring this up.

**Mr. Solomon made the motion to change the salary ordinance to include a project manager, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor except Mr. Seabrook who abstained.**

**Mr. Seabrook** stated that he believes that they would be killing a good idea by taking this to the council too soon after the rate increase.

**Mr. Solomon withdrew his motion.**

**Mr. Kochert withdrew his second.**

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he is willing to hold off until after the first of the year to pursue this issue.

#### **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

**Mayor Garner** went over the delinquent list that was prepared by Ms. Welsh. Said list is on file with the city clerk's office.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he believes we need to make a list of all the properties on the Helvey list and present it to the council for them to act on.

**Mr. Utz** felt that they should also show when the properties on the list were sold.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item #1 - Primavera & Associates re: Vincennes Place

**Mr. Jason Copperwaite** addressed the board regarding Vincennes Place. He stated that they need to build a separate lift station for Vincennes Place and connect it to the Ruckman line through a 2" line with grinders to the 6" line. However, he was told by Mr. Dixon that eventually the 6" line will be switched to the 10" line. He presented a drawing depicting a valve system that will allow them to hook to the 6" line with a connection to the 10" line. Said diagram is on file with the city clerk's office.

**Mr. Solomon** did not like the idea of tying into a force main.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that this is going to be a problem in this area because of the terrain and other projects are going to need separate lift stations.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not it is a good idea to tie a force main into a force main and the problems that it could cause down the road.**

**Mr. Dixon** asked what the board would suggest them to do.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he doesn't like this idea. He feels that EMC needs to get with Primavera and come up with a recommendation to the board.

Item #2 - John Rosenbarger re: 10" sanitary sewer main traversing Scribner Place Project Site.

**Mayor Garner** discussed SB-06-01 a resolution regarding the relocating of a 10" sewer line that currently runs through the Scribner site.

**Mr. Dixon** explained the resolution and recommended that they approve it.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if the depth of the line was acceptable.

**Mayor Garner** stated that currently it is no more that 8 – 10' deep and when it moves south it will not be any deeper.

**Mr. Kochert moved to approve, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor**

Item #3 - Mayor Garner re: sewer utility salaries

**Mayor Garner** stated that Mrs. Welsh had provided them with a list of current department head salaries and asked the board what they would like to do.

**Mr. Kochert** felt that Mrs. Welsh's salary should be in line with the other department heads.

**Mr. Kochert made a motion to increase Ms. Welsh's bi-weekly salary to \$1300, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor except Mr. Seabrook who had to leave early.**

**Mayor Garner** asked if they wanted to discuss anyone else.

**No other salaries were discussed.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Item #1 - Brian Dixon re: drainage issues at Brentwood and Pennwood

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the e coli and fecal counts were elevated however this sample was taken from someone's sump pump and they can multiply. He stated that chloride and fluoride was not detectable but they do evaporate quickly. He said that they tracked a

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damp area along the gentleman’s fence line and it puddles at the house. However, they tracked the main sewer line and found no problems in the line. Mr. Dixon explained the situation to the board and stated that he does not believe this is a problem with city’s line.

**Mayor Garner** stated that this gentleman’s average usage is a 9 except for August when it went up to a 14, but it was the same the year before.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to where this water could be coming from.**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he believes that there is a leak in the water line and the water company will deny it.

**Mayor Garner** is going to recommend he call either a plumber or the water company.

Item #2 - Tina Haley re: Storm Drainage Copy machine

**Mrs. Haley was not available to give her report.**

Item #3 - Todd Solomon re: qualification for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street infrastructure study

**Mayor Garner** stated that they asked Reynolds to look at the lines and give a quote on what needs to be done to correct the problem.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he has never heard back from them.

**Mr. Solomon** believes that this is very important for us to study because of the continued problems in the area.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the problems caused by the train and the “underground river”.**

**Mr. Solomon** thought that we need to send this request out to different firms in the area.

**Mayor Garner** stated that it also needs to be in the Tribune.

**Mark McCormick** presented the July 31 sewer utility report. Said report is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

**EMC REPORT:**

**BIDS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Dixon presented the following claims:**

City of New Albany WWTP RAW Wastewater Pump Station Screening

MAC Construction	Original Contract	\$724,900.00
	Change Order #1	\$1,304.43
	Change Order #2	(\$14,958.37)
	New Contract Total	\$711,246.06
	Pay Request #8	(\$36,245.00)
	Pay Request #7	(\$37,570.63)
	Pay request #6	(\$108,785.00)
	Pay Request #5	(\$99,379.43)
	Pay request #4	(\$163,004.60)
	Pay request #3	(\$83,857.50)
	Pay request #1	(\$121,158.90)
	Pay Request #2	(\$61,245.00)

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Headworks Inc.	Retainage Bar Screen #1	\$10,554.83
Team Contracting		
Robert E. Lee Interceptor	Original Contract	\$799,000.00
	Invoice #1	(79,518.88)
Emergency Repair Indiana Ave.		(\$16,173.04)
Clark Dietz Inc.	Invoice #39551	\$4,800.00
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Donohue & Associates		
	Invoice No. 6	\$12,295.00

**Mr. Solomon moved to approve, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked for an up-date on the Robert E. Lee Project.

**Wes Christmas** explained that they have all the permits in place.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor James Garner, Chairman

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Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk